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SUBJECT: CHINESE POSITION ON KOSOVO UNCHANGED: NO PRC
RECOGNITION OF KOSOVO

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4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) China's position not to recognize Kosovo remains unchanged, MFA European Affairs Department Balkans Division Deputy Division Director Tian Yishu told PolOff February 13 in response to reftel points urging recognition of Kosovo. China was aware of the upcoming anniversary of Kosovo's declaration of independence, Tian said, and continued to hope that the "relevant parties can solve their dispute through peaceful dialogue." Though China was aware of the developments related to Kosovo that had taken place since Kosovo's independence, these developments have not caused China to change its position, he said.
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